

71-1,132.11 Board of Nursing; rules and regulations; powers and duties; enumerated.

The board may adopt, promulgate, and revise, with the approval of the department, such rules and regulations consistent with the Nurse Practice Act as may be necessary to carry the act into effect. All such rules and regulations shall be published and distributed. The board shall:

- (1) Adopt reasonable and uniform standards for nursing practice and nursing education;
- (2) If requested, issue or decline to issue advisory opinions defining acts which in the opinion of the board are or are not permitted in the practice of nursing as defined in section 71-1,132.05. Such opinions shall be considered informational only and are non-binding. Practice-related information provided by the board to registered or licensed practical nurses licensed under the act shall be made available by the board on request to nurses practicing in this state under a license issued by a state that is a party to the Nurse Licensure Compact;
- (3) Establish rules and regulations for approving and classifying programs preparing practical and professional nurses, taking into consideration administrative and organizational patterns, the curriculum, students, student services, faculty, and instructional resources and facilities, and provide surveys for each educational program as determined by the board;
- (4) Approve educational programs which meet the requirements of the act;
- (5) Examine, license, and renew the licenses of duly qualified applicants;
- (6) Keep a record of all its proceedings and compile an annual report for distribution;
- (7) Develop standards for continued competency of licensees continuing in or returning to practice;
- (8) Adopt rules and regulations establishing standards for delegation of nursing activities, including training or experience requirements, competency determination, and nursing supervision;
- (9) Make recommendations in accordance with section 71-168.01 regarding licensure and disciplinary dispositions for individuals who have violated the act and upon the grounds provided in the Uniform Licensing Law;
- (10) Collect data regarding nursing;
- (11) Provide consultation and conduct conferences, forums, studies, and research on nursing practice and education;
- (12) Join organizations that develop and regulate the national nursing licensure examinations and exclusively promote the improvement of the legal standards of the practice of nursing for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare;
- (13) Appoint special purpose groups or ad hoc groups to advise the board; and
- (14) Administer the provisions of the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Act as it applies to certified registered nurse anesthetists, the Nebraska Certified Nurse Midwifery Practice Act, and the Nurse Licensure Compact. In reporting information to the coordinated licensure information system under Article VII of the compact, the department may disclose personal identifying information about a nurse, including his or her social security number.

Source:

Laws 1953, c. 245, § 5, p. 839; Laws 1959, c. 310, § 3, p. 1172; Laws 1965, c. 414, § 1, p. 1322; Laws 1975, LB 422, § 6; Laws 1976, LB 692, § 1; Laws 1978, LB 653, § 24; Laws 1978, LB 658, § 1; Laws 1980, LB 847, § 3; Laws 1981, LB 379, § 36; Laws 1991, LB 703, § 19; Laws 1995, LB 563, § 15; Laws 1996, LB 414, § 6; Laws 1999, LB 594, § 36; Laws 2000, LB 523, § 6; Laws 2000, LB 1115, § 17.

Note: The Revisor of Statutes has pursuant to section 49-769 correlated LB 523, section 6, with LB 1115, section 17, to reflect all amendments.

Note: The changes made by LB 1115 became effective April 14, 2000. The changes made by LB 523 became operative January 1, 2001.